

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the order to print the above Message Report and Bill was re-considered.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the President introduced a Bill in relation to Internal Improvement, sent to the Senate by his Excellency the Governor.

Mr. Bird moved that seventy-five copies of said Bill, and five hundred copies of the Message and Report of the Board of Internal Improvement, be printed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Myrick and Provence, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Filor, Hawes, Long and Provence—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brinson, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—9.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Brinson moved that seventy-five copies of said Bill, and two hundred and fifty copies of the Message and Report of the Board of Internal Improvement, be printed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Myrick and Provence, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Filor, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—14.

Nays—Messrs. Gillis and Myrick—2.

So said motion was adopted.

Mr. Provence moved that a Committee of three be appointed to contract with a printer for printing the above order;

Which motion was lost.

House Bill to be entitled An Act for the relief of John Sapp, of Madison County;

Was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

House Resolution requesting an order from the Secretary of War, to the Indian Agent in Florida, for the delivery of a negro man belonging to B. M. Dell, of Florida;

Was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on to-morrow.

House Resolution authorizing the Governor to compensate James D. Westcott for services in the Supreme Court of the United States, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time, and on motion referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

House amendment to Senate bill entitled An act to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across Escambia Bay;

Was read and concurred in by the Senate.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act to authorize Samuel D. Howse of Marion County, to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Cone, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Long, Myrick, Nicholson and Tracy—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brinson, Hawes, Hopkins, Provence and Smith—5.

So said bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill to be entitled An act to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the Suwannee River;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bird, Brinson, Cone, Eppes, Filor, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Provence, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—14.

Nays—Mr. Gillis—1.

So said bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled An act explanatory of the several acts in relation to the migration of negroes or free persons of color into Key West;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to create a State Librarian;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

#### SATURDAY, December 23, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The concurrence of the Senate in House amendment to Senate Bill entitled, An Act to authorize William Webb to establish a Ferry across the Escambia Bay;

Was transmitted to the House of Representatives.

The following Bills which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to authorize Samuel D. Howse, of Marion County, to assume the management of his own estate;



A Bill to be entitled, An Act to remove the obstructions to the Navigation of the Suwannee River;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to Organize the County of Volusia;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act for the Relief of the Town of Quincy;

House Bill to be entitled, An Act to permanently locate the Court House of Hernando County, with amendment.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, House Bill to be entitled, An Act making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of Criminal Prosecutions, and for payment of Jurors and Witnesses for the fiscal years 1853 and 1854;

Was taken from the table and placed among the Orders of the Day.

Mr. Filor, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following Report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following Bills, and find them correctly engrossed:

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to Abolish the Office of State Engineer and Geologist;

A Bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to the institution of Suits before Justices of the Peace in Santa Rosa County;

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to Regulate the Performance of the Duties of the Supreme Court of this State, and to change the time and place for holding the Terms thereof;

A Bill to be entitled, An Act granting the Right of Appeal from the Judges and Orders of the Board of County Commissioners to the Circuit Court;

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Lagoon and Perdido Canal Company.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FILOR,

Chairman.

Which was read, and the Bills placed among the Orders of the Day.

#### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act to empower the County Commissioners of Wakulla County to levy a Tax for the purpose of building a Court House in said County;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Smith moved to amend said Bill by adding the following Section:

"SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That this Act shall not continue in force longer than two years";

Which motion was adopted, and the Bill as amended was read the

second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Wednesday next.

House Resolution asking that Tampa be made a Port of Entry;

Was read the third time as amended, and adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House Resolution requesting an Order from the Secretary of War to the Indian Agent in Florida for the delivery of a negro man, belonging to B. M. Dell, of Florida;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be read a third time on Wednesday next.

House Bill to be entitled, An Act for the Relief of John Sapp, of Madison County;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be read a third time on Wednesday next.

A Bill to be entitled, An Act explanatory of the several Acts in relation to the Migration of Negroes or Free Persons of Color into the Port of Key West;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Wednesday next.

A bill to be entitled, An Act to create a State Librarian;

Came up on its second reading.

On motion of Mr. Myrick, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for the consideration of said Bill, Mr. Provence in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and through their Chairman reported progress, and asked leave to sit again;

Which was concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, said Bill was laid on the table.

House Resolution relative to extra compensation of the Clerk in the office of Comptroller of Public Accounts;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Myrick moved its indefinite postponement;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Gillis, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Eppes, Gillis, Hopkins, Myrick, Nicholson and Smith—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Criglar, Filor, Hawes, Provence and Wynn—7.

So said motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, said Resolution was referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

House Bill to be entitled, An Act in relation to Pilotage at the Port of Bay Port;

Was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading on Wednesday next.

House Resolution authorizing the Governor to turn over sixty



muskets and accoutrements to the Florida Independent Blues and others;

Was read the third time and adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the rule was waived to permit Mr. Brinson to make the following motions:

Mr. Brinson moved that Mr. Wynn be excused from attendance on the Senate until the third of January;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Provence and Eppes, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Long, Nicholson and Wynn—9.

Nays—Messrs. Criglar, Eppes, Hopkins, Myrick, Provence and Smith—7.

So Mr. Wynn was excused.

Mr. Brinson moved that Mr. Bird be excused from attendance until Tuesday next;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Provence, and were:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—Messrs. Eppes, Myrick and Provence—3.

So Mr. Bird was excused.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Long, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have examined and report as correctly enrolled the following:

An Act for the relief of Doctor C. A. Hentz;

Also, An Act to repeal An Act amendatory of An Act to establish a Mayor's Court in the city of Apalachicola;

Also, An Act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

Also, An Act to allow the Supreme and Circuit Courts to hold extra Terms;

Also, An Act in relation to evidence;

Also, An Act to establish a Ferry at Brown's Ferry, in Jackson County;

Also, An Act to enforce the laws against the violations of the Sabbath day in Monroe County.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. LONG,

Chairman Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

House Bill to make additional appropriations to defray the expenses of Criminal Prosecutions, and for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses for the fiscal years 1853 and 1854;

Was read the second time, the rule waived, read the third time by its title, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith, Tracy and Wynn—14.

Nays—None.

So said Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled An Act in relation to the institution of suits before Justices of the Peace in Santa Rosa County;

Was read the third time.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Long offered the following special amendment:

Strike out the word "cited," and insert in its stead the word "civil."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Provence moved the following additional section:

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the privileges granted in the foregoing Section to Santa Rosa County, be and they are hereby extended to every County in the State.

Mr. Tracy moved the following amendment to the proposed amendment of Mr. Provence:

"Except so far as it relates to the Counties of Columbia and Nassau."

Mr. Provence asked leave to withdraw said amendment;

Which was granted.

Upon the question of the passage of the Bill, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Provence, Tracy and Wynn—13.

Nays—Messrs. Nicholson and Smith—2.

So said Bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled An Act to abolish the office of State Engineer and Geologist.

Came up on its third reading.

Mr. Provence moved to lay the Bill upon the table;

On which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Brinson and Hopkins, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Hawes and Provence—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—9.

So the Bill was not laid upon the table.

Mr. Provence gave notice that at a future time he would enter his protest against the vote just taken.

The Bill was read the third time and upon the question of its passage, the vote was:



Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hopkins, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—12.

Nays—Messrs. Brinson, Hawes and Provence—3.

So said Bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act to regulate the performance of the duties of the Supreme Court of this State and to change the time and place for holding the terms thereof;

Came up on its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Myrick its further consideration was postponed until Wednesday next.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act to Incorporate the Lagoon and Perdido Canal Company;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brinson, Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Gillis, Hawes, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Smith and Tracy—13.

Nays—None.

So said Bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed Bill to be entitled, An Act granting the right of Appeal from the Judges and orders of the Board of County Commissioners to the Circuit Court;

Was read the third time, and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Cone, Criglar, Eppes, Filor, Hawes, Long, Myrick, Nicholson, Provence, Smith and Tracy—12.

Nays—None.

So said Bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until Wednesday morning, 11 o'clock.

### WEDNESDAY, December 27, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Mr. Turner officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum being present, on motion, the reading of the Journal of Saturday was dispensed with.

The following Bills and Resolutions which had passed the Senate, were transmitted to the House of Representatives, viz:

A bill to be entitled An act to Incorporate the Lagoon and Perdido Canal Company;

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to the Institution of Suits before Justices of the Peace in Santa Rosa County;

A bill to be entitled An act granting the right of appeal from the Judges and Orders of the Board of County Commissioners to the Circuit Court;

A bill to be entitled An act to abolish the office of State Engineer and Geologist;

House bill to be entitled An act making additional appropriations to defray the expenses of Criminal Prosecutions and for the payment of Jurors and State Witnesses for the fiscal years 1853 and 1854;

House Resolution authorizing the Governor to turn over sixty muskets and accoutrements to the Florida Independent Blues and others;

House Resolution asking that Tampa be made a Port of Entry with "enclosed amendments."

The following Bills which had passed both Houses of the General Assembly and had been duly enrolled and signed, were transmitted for approval to his Excellency the Governor, viz:

An act in relation to a Road Tax in the Counties of Putnam and Marion;

An act to allow the Supreme and Circuit Courts of this State to hold extra terms, whenever the regular terms cannot be safely held in consequence of the prevalence of any contagious disease at the time and place or places appointed by law for holding the regular terms;

An act for the relief of Dr. C. A. Hentz;

An act to establish a ferry at Brown's Ferry in Jackson County;

An act to enforce the laws against violations of the Sabbath Day in Monroe County;

An act in relation to Evidence;

An act to repeal Section Four of An act amendatory of an act to establish and organize a Mayor's Court for the City of Apalachicola, approved January 5th, 1853.

Mr. Hawes presented the memorial of Citizens of Putnam County, in relation to a loan of money from the State for the purpose of building a jail for said County;

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Hawes was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Filor from the Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined the following Bills and find the same correctly Engrossed:

A bill to be entitled An act explanatory of the several Acts in relation to the migration of negroes or free persons of color into Key West.

A bill to be entitled An act to empower the County Commission-